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From: Thomas, Chris [Thomas.Chris@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: for Jeaneanne's business review meeting

Yes. I agree. We need to keep things as simple and straightforward as we can.

From: Davis, Molly <Davis.Molly@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 9:01 AM
To: Thomas, Chris <Thomas.Chris@epa.gov>
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We are continuing to pursue public noticing the Kampachi Farms permit with the intent of having the permit effective by 12/31/19. The permit contains a standard reopener clause that we can use should the applicant change the design of the anchoring system. Based on conversations with the applicant, the company is considering two anchoring designs: 1) anchors that sit on the ocean floor and 2) anchors that are embedded into the ocean floor. Consultations with the National Marine Fisheries Service and US Fish and Wildlife have included both types of anchoring systems. It would set a new precedent to put an open-ended effective date on the cover sheet and this is the least desirable approach. If we miss the 12/21/19 deadline for making the permit effective we have a good story to tell, but at this point I think we should move forward with the public notice and take the rest of the process one step at a time.

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